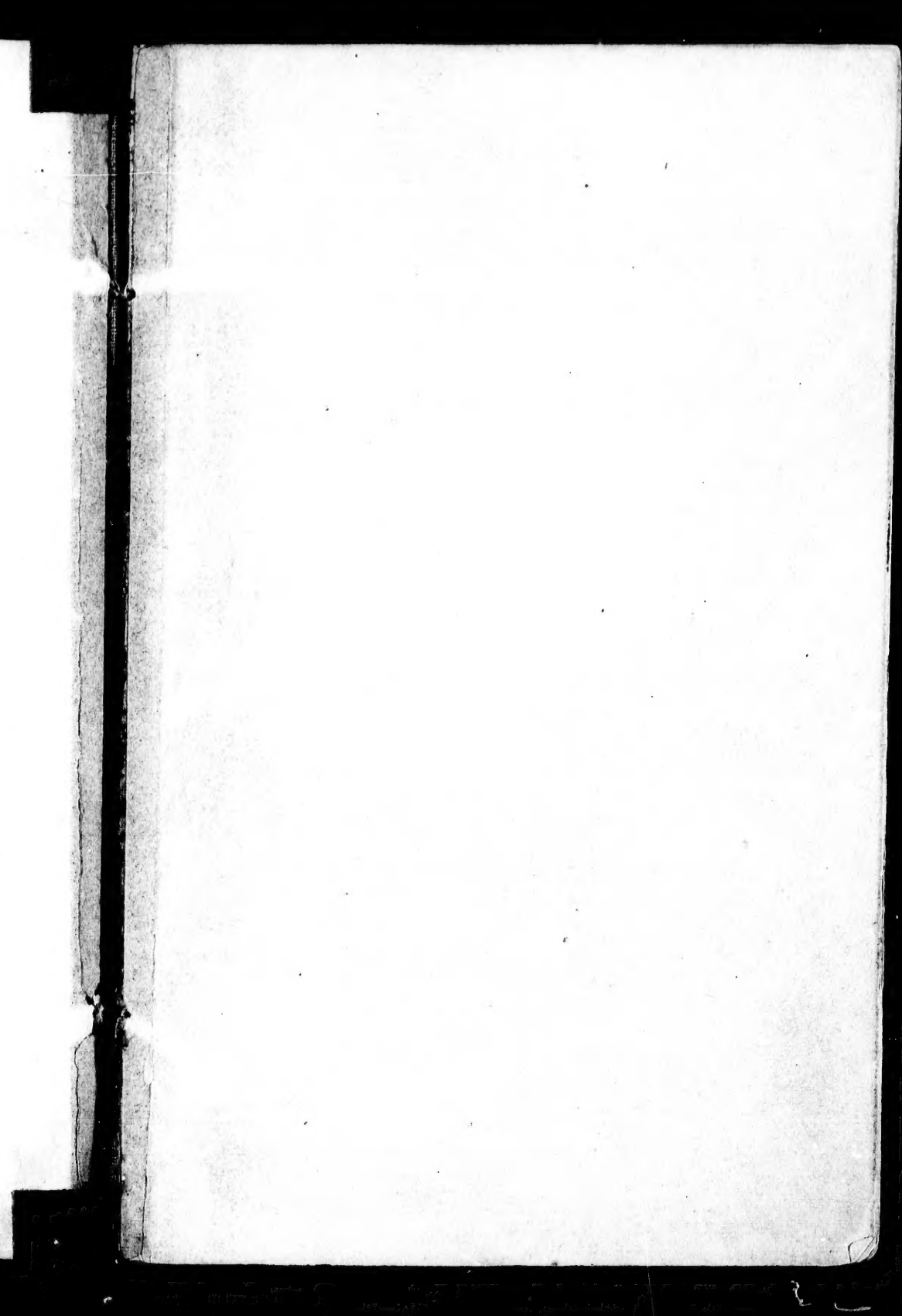
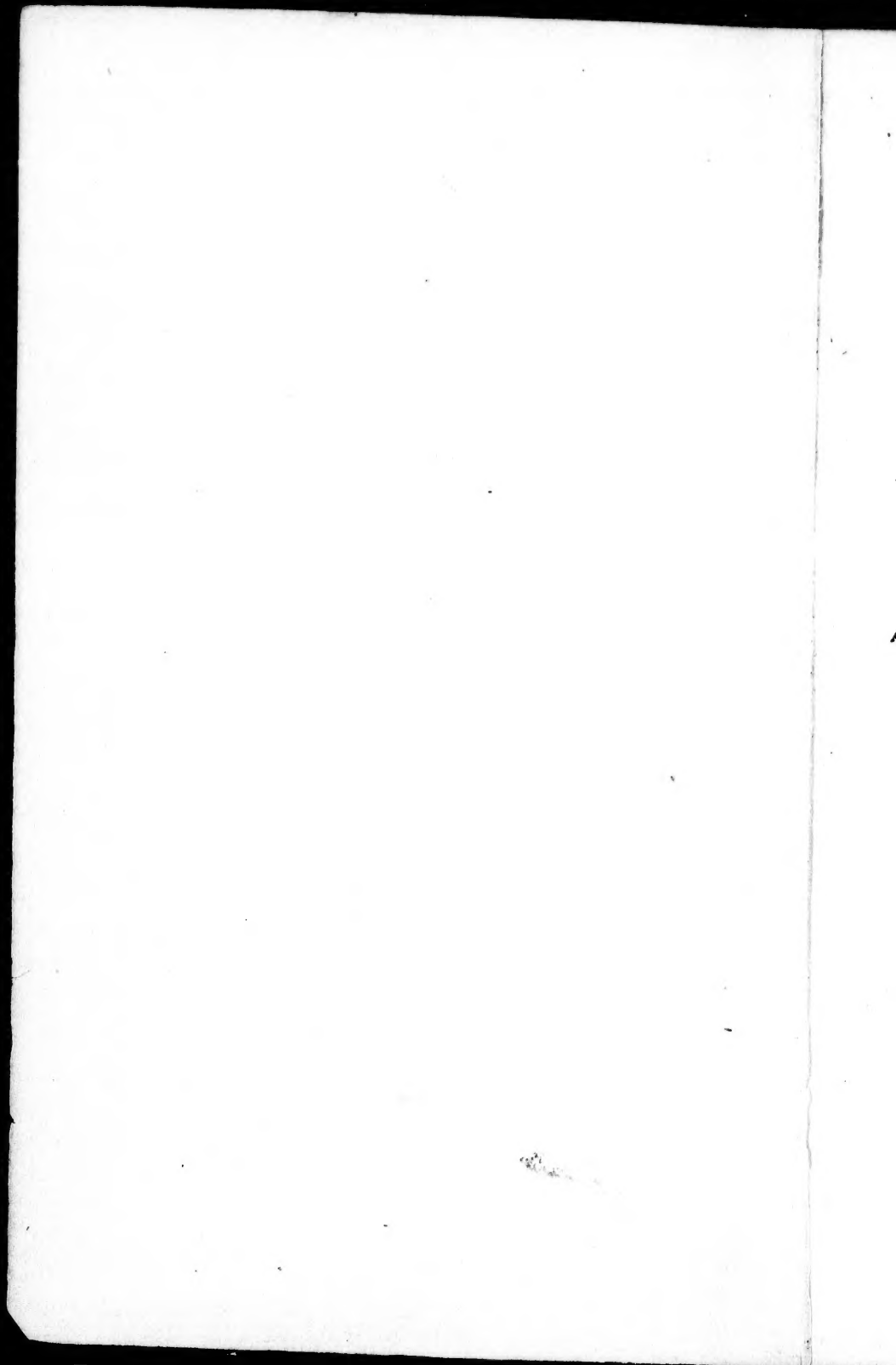




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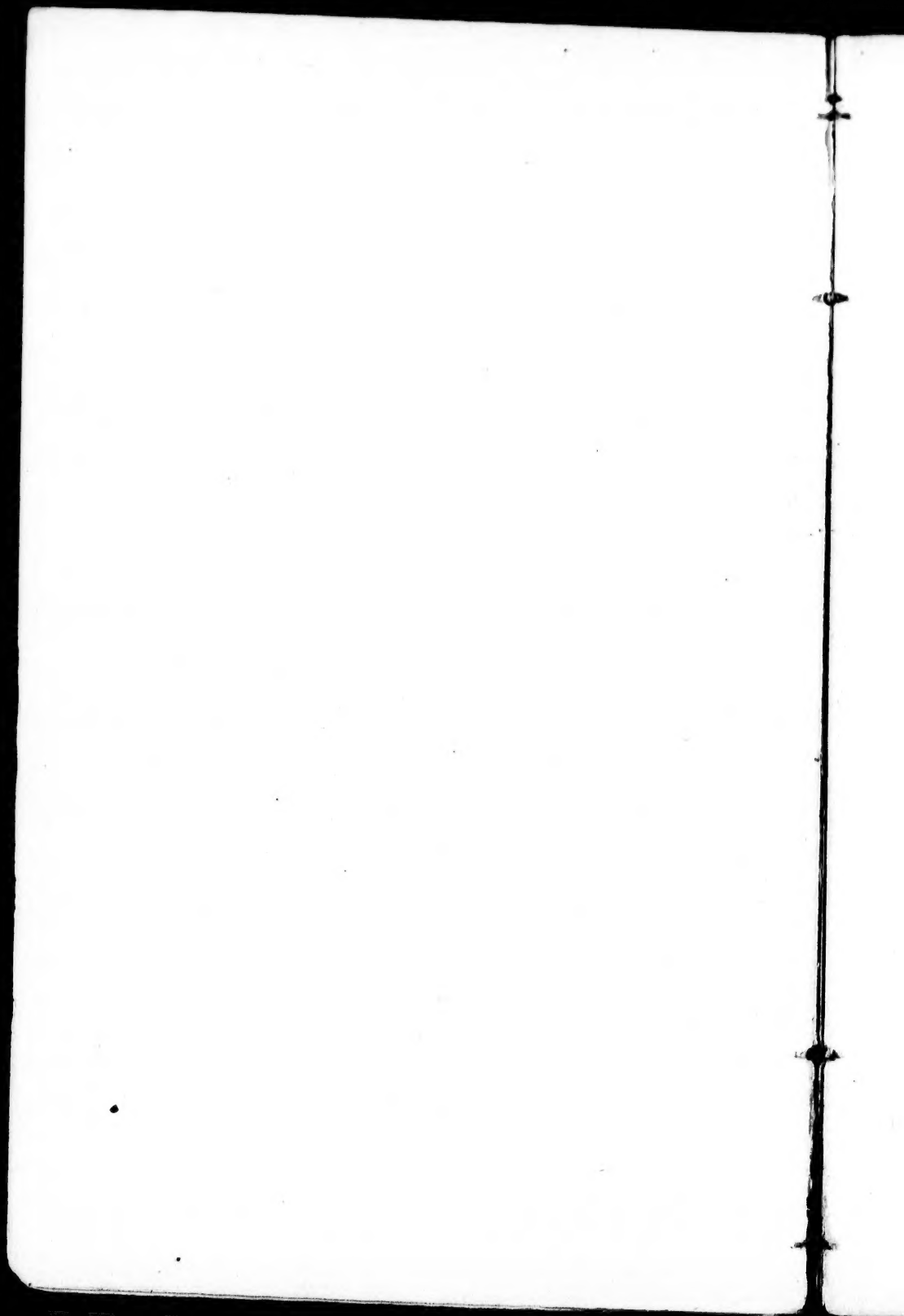
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**APPROVED BY R. W. THE HON. P. M'GILL, PROVINCIAL GRAND
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CONFIRMED BY THOS. D. HARRINGTON,
P. G. MASTER, FOR QUEBEC, &C.,
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Brother SAMUEL J. DAWSON,.. *S. W.*

“ JAMES THOMPSON,... *J. W.*

“ PHILIP ST. HILL,..... *Treasurer.*

“ PATRICK GAUL,..... *Secretary.*

“ THOMAS LAMB,..... *S. D.*

“ BERNARD O'NEIL,..... *J. D.*

“ JOHN DAWES,..... *J. G.*

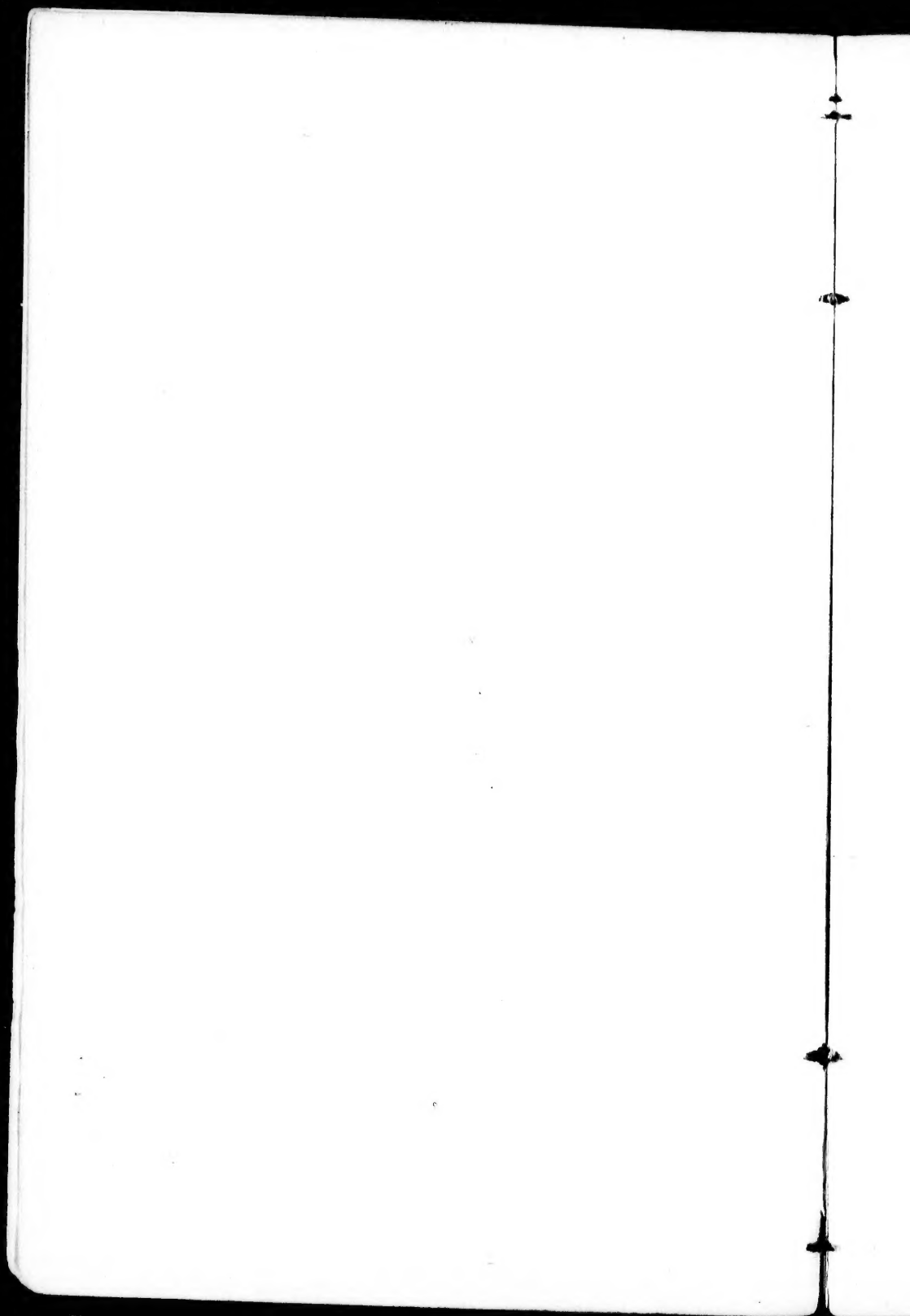
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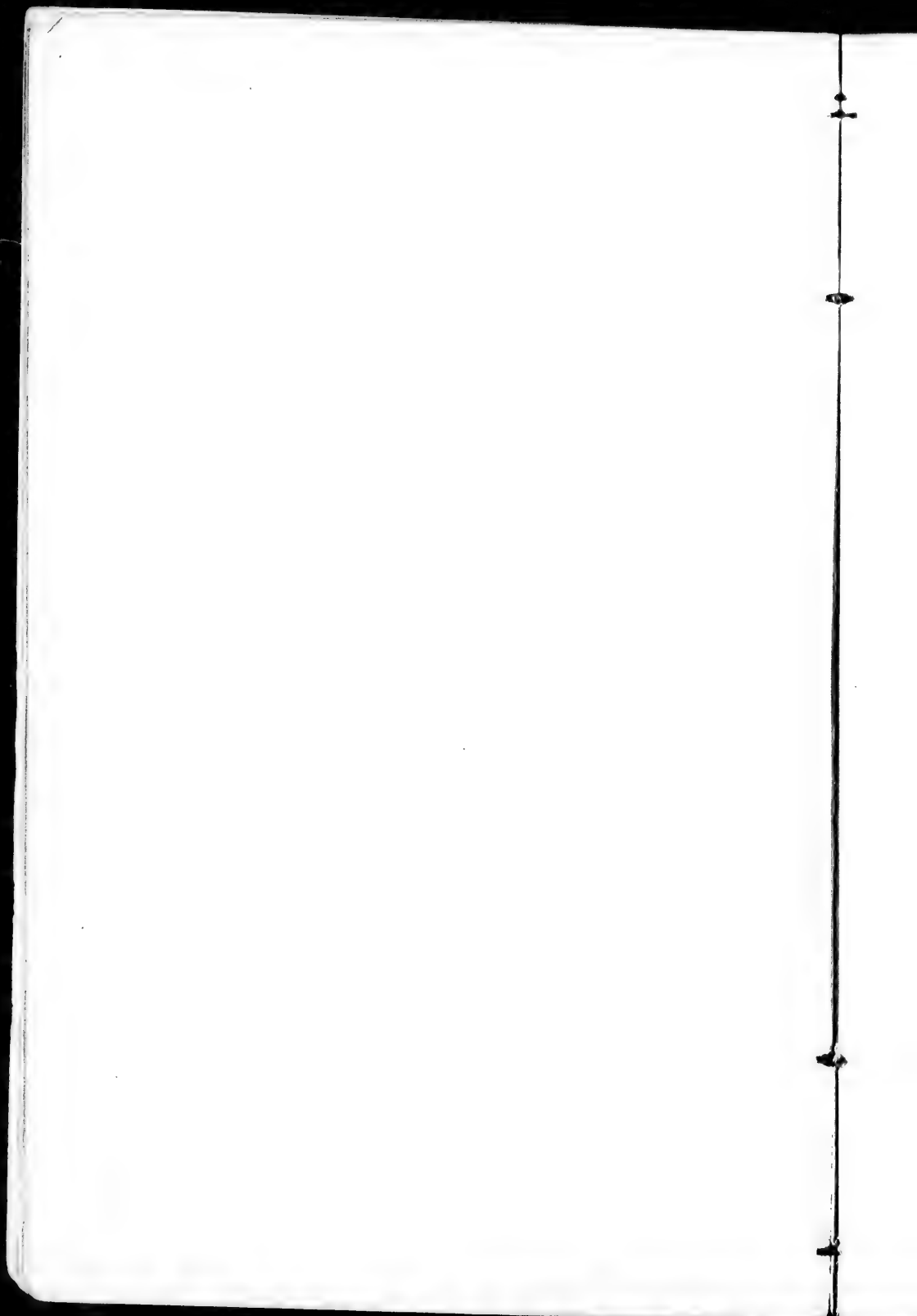
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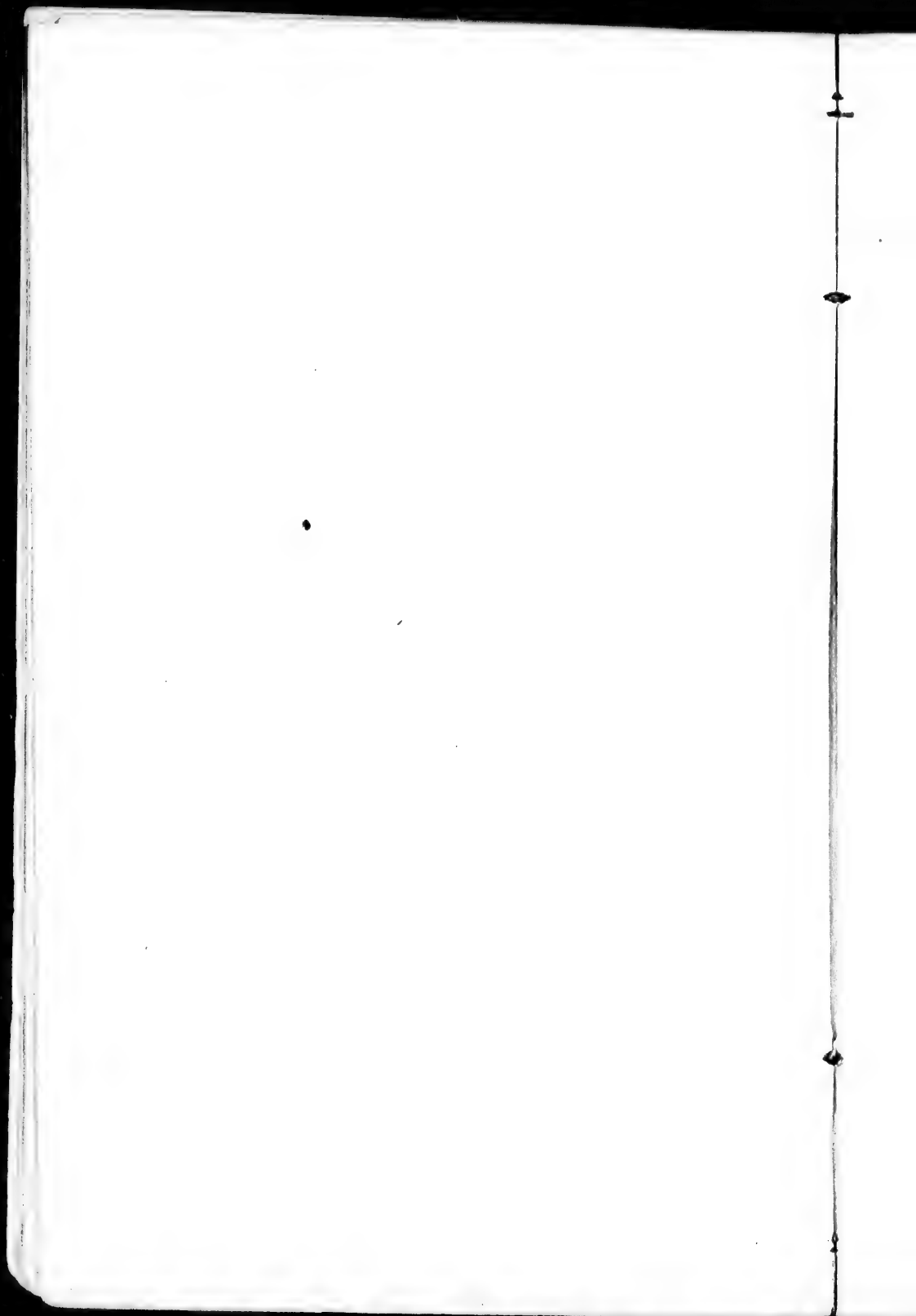
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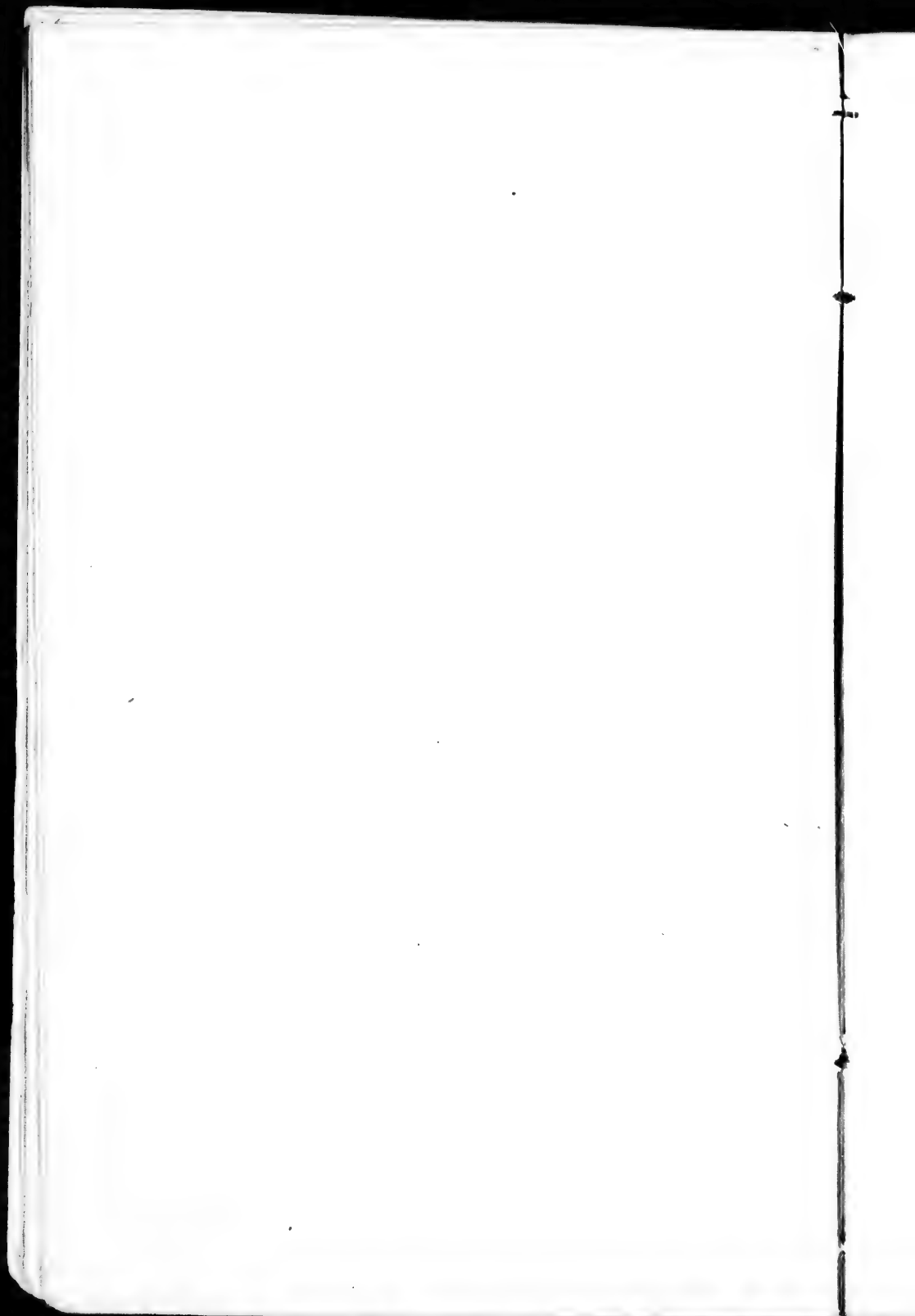




INTRODUCTION.

Without Laws and Regulations no body of men can long subsist, either with comfort to themselves or with reputation among others. The members of *Albion Lodge*, No. 17, R. E., Quebec, have therefore agreed to the following By-Laws, as a system calculated to preserve harmony in the Lodge and to cement a lasting friendship among them as Brethren.





BY-LAWS.

OBEDIENCE TO GRAND LODGE, &C.

I.

That this Lodge shall at all times pay the greatest respect and obedience to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of this Masonic District duly constituted, and to all Rules, Orders and Regulations made and issued by the said R. W. Grand Lodges, or either of them.

II.

MEETINGS.

This Lodge shall meet on the *second Friday of every month*, for masonic purposes, at the hour mentioned in the summonses, by the authority of the Master.

III.

EMERGENCIES.

When the W. M. shall deem it expedient to hold a Lodge of Emergency, the same shall be assembled by special summonses, issued seven

clear days and signed by the Secretary, by order of the W. M., which summonses shall specify the nature of the business to be transacted, and afterwards recorded on the Minutes ; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting.

IV.

ATTENDANCE.

In order to secure that regularity and decorum so highly necessary for the good of the Craft and the government of this Lodge, it is requisite that every Officer and member shall attend punctually at the time of opening.

V.

MASONIC CLOTHING.

Brethren shall at all times appear when attending this Lodge in the usual Masonic clothing.

VI.

OFFICERS.

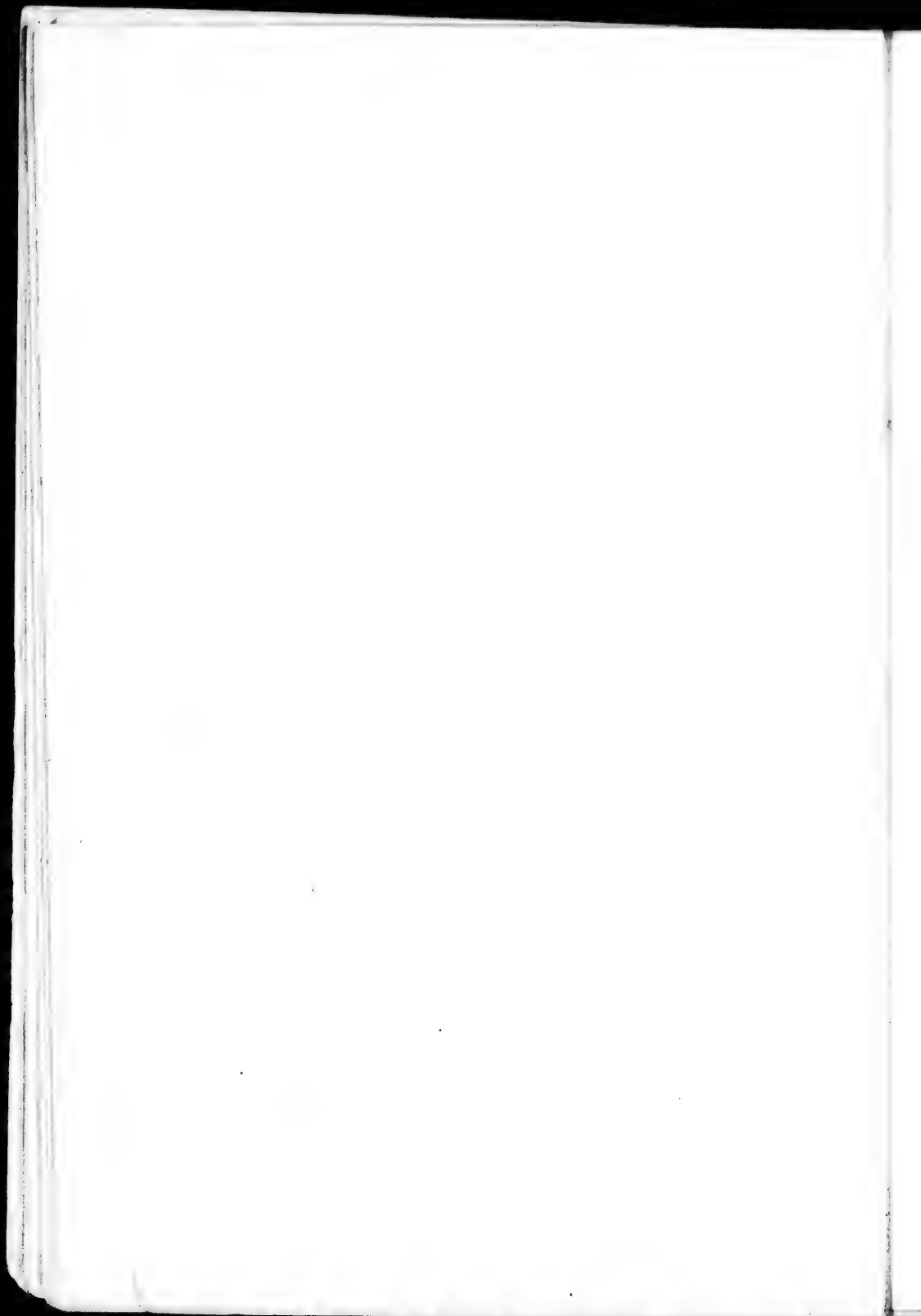
The Officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, an Inner Guard, and a Tyler ; also, if it be deemed necessary, a Chaplain, two Stewards, and a Director of Ceremonies may be added.

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VII.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

The Lodge shall annually elect by ballot, a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, on the regular meeting of December in each year; and on the morning of the 27th day of December, being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, all the accounts and affairs relative to the Lodge shall be settled and declared; and after the minutes of the previous meeting shall have been read and confirmed, the Master elect shall then be installed; after which he shall appoint and install his Wardens and other Officers.

NOTE.—Should the Festival of St. John the Evangelist fall on a Sunday, the above shall take place on the day following.

VIII.

TREASURER'S DUTY.

The Treasurer shall receive all the monies of the Lodge from the Secretary, and discharge all accounts duly vouched and sanctioned by the Lodge; he shall keep a book in which his accounts of receipts and disbursements shall be regularly entered, so as to exhibit at one view the amount of money in his possession, and which book shall be produced at every monthly meeting of the Lodge, for the inspection of the Brethren. His accounts shall be

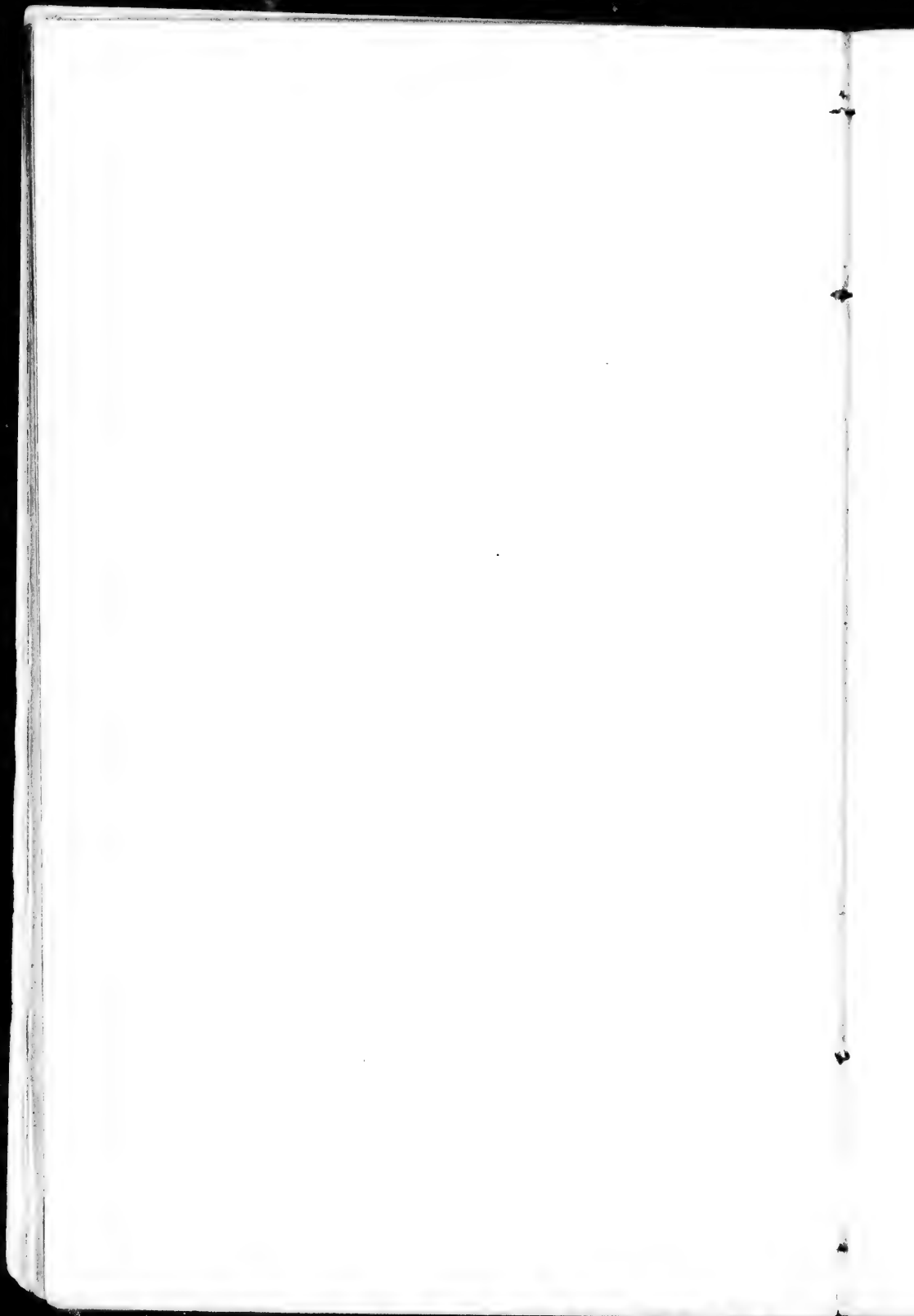
also audited by the Permanent Committee, previous to the monthly communication of April, July and October, and on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in order that the balance in his hands may on that day be paid over to the Treasurer elect, or otherwise disposed of, as shall be directed by the Lodge. It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer annually to insure the Jewels, Furniture, and other property of the Lodge, against any loss or damage by fire.

IX.

SECRETARY'S DUTY.

The Secretary shall issue the summonses, by the Tyler to all the members of the Lodge, *seven days* previous to each meeting, particularly noticing therein the *candidates for initiation, and names of members joining, also passings and raisings*, by-laws to be altered and repealed or new ones to be made, &c. He shall likewise keep a register of the members, shewing the date of joining, initiation, passing and raising, and the state of their accounts; prepare the list of members as well as other communications for the Grand Lodge; take minutes of all matters duly moved and seconded, and of such other occurrences as may be considered worthy to be recorded. The Secretary is exempt from paying the monthly dues.

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X.

TYLER'S DUTY.

The Tyler shall tyle the Lodge, deliver the summonses to the members, take care of, and keep in good order, the furniture, jewels, and other paraphernalia of the Lodge, for which service he shall receive the sum of *five shillings, currency*, for every meeting of the Lodge.

XI.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

A Permanent Committee, consisting of the three principal Officers for the time being, and *three members to be elected annually on St. John the Evangelist's day*, who shall superintend the finances and property of the Lodge, and take into consideration the case of any claimant for relief that may be referred to them; and if found worthy may grant him temporary relief not exceeding in any case the sum of *one pound*, they shall meet whenever summoned by the Master, *three* to form a *quorum*; the result of the proceedings shall be reported at the next monthly meeting.

XII.

INITIATION FEE AND PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The initiation fee in this Lodge shall be

four pounds ten shillings, currency, being in payment of the first three degrees and of registry and Grand Lodge Certificates, and every member proposing or recommending a candidate shall be responsible for the payment thereof, which *in all cases* must be paid on the evening of initiation or admission.

XIII.

JOINING MEMBERS.

Any regularly made Mason desirous of joining this Lodge, shall be duly proposed and balloted for, and if approved of, shall be admitted a member upon paying the sum of *twenty shillings, currency*, including the register fee.

XIV.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

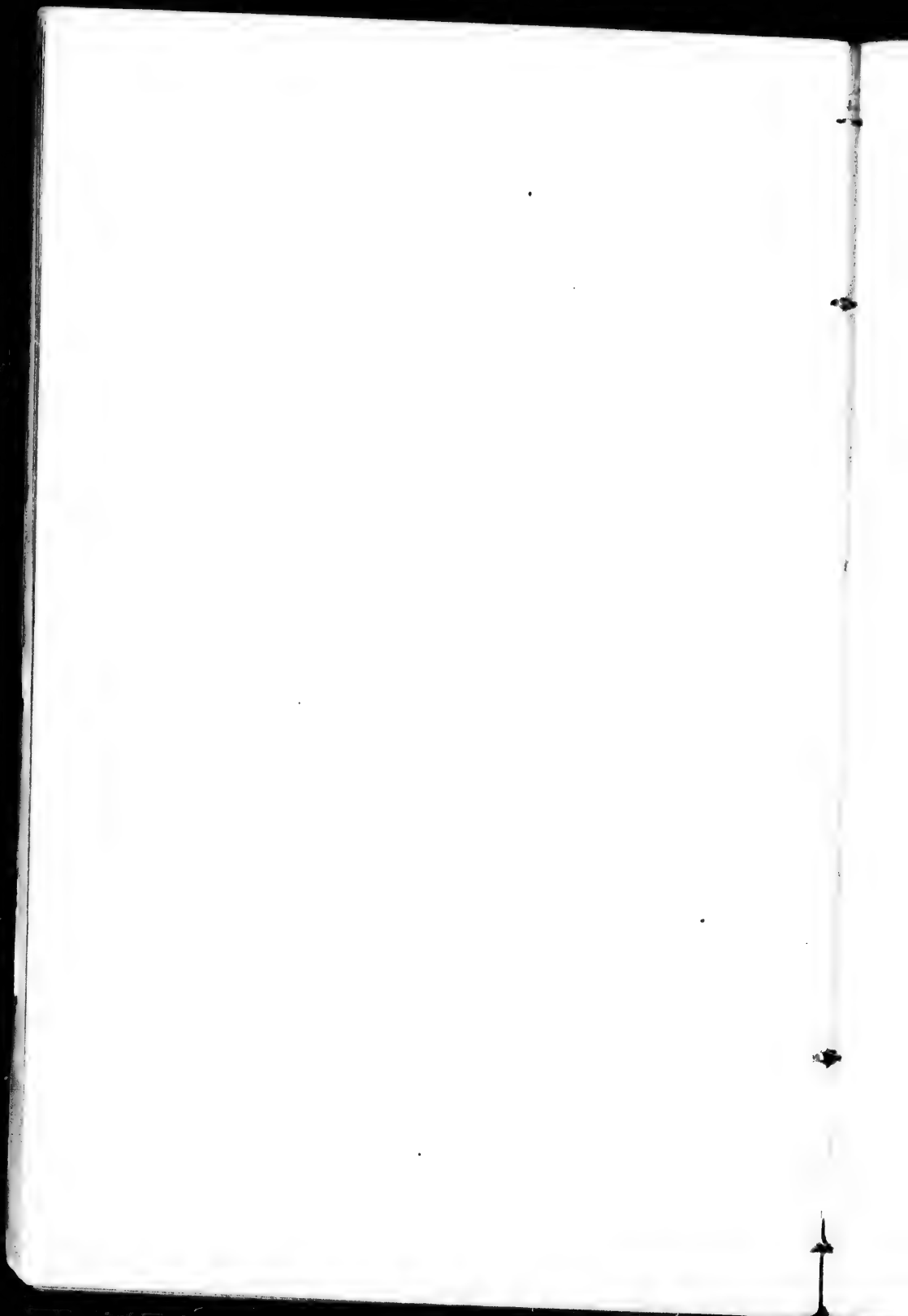
- Brethren may be declared Honorary Members of this Lodge by an unanimous vote of the Brethren present, as a mark of respect in consideration of that zeal or services in the cause of Masonry. They shall be exempt from the monthly dues and be entitled to the full privileges of membership.

XV.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

Brethren who may join this Lodge in want

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of Grand Lodge Certificates, shall pay for the same *ten shillings, currency, each*, in advance.

XVI.

BALLOTING.

No person shall be initiated in this Lodge, or admitted a member of it, if on balloting there appear three black balls ; but to prevent mistakes the ballot may be taken a second time.

XVII.

NON-ATTENDANCE AFTER BALLOT.

If any person who has been approved for initiation shall not attend for that purpose within *three months* after the ballot, he shall forfeit the proposition fee, another proposition must be made and a fresh ballot taken. Severe sickness, or unavoidable absence from the City excepted.

XVIII.

MONTHLY DUES.

Each member of this Lodge, whose place of residence does not exceed three miles from the place of meeting, shall pay a monthly contribution of *two shillings and six pence*, and each member whose place of residence is beyond that distance, shall pay the sum of

one shilling and three pence per month, which shall be exacted whether he be present or absent.

XIX.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

No member shall be appointed to any office, nor be permitted to vote upon any question whose dues are more than three months in arrear. And any member neglecting to pay his dues *six months in succession*, shall be appraised thereof *in writing*, by the Secretary, and if not paid at the following meeting, after being thus notified, he shall be excluded from the Lodge until he shall have discharged his debt. And if he continue in arrear for twelve months, his name may be erased from the Lodge Books.

XX.

RE-ADMISSION.

Should any member declare off, or cause his name to be erased from the Lodge books, he shall not be re-admitted, without a ballot and payment of the joining fee.

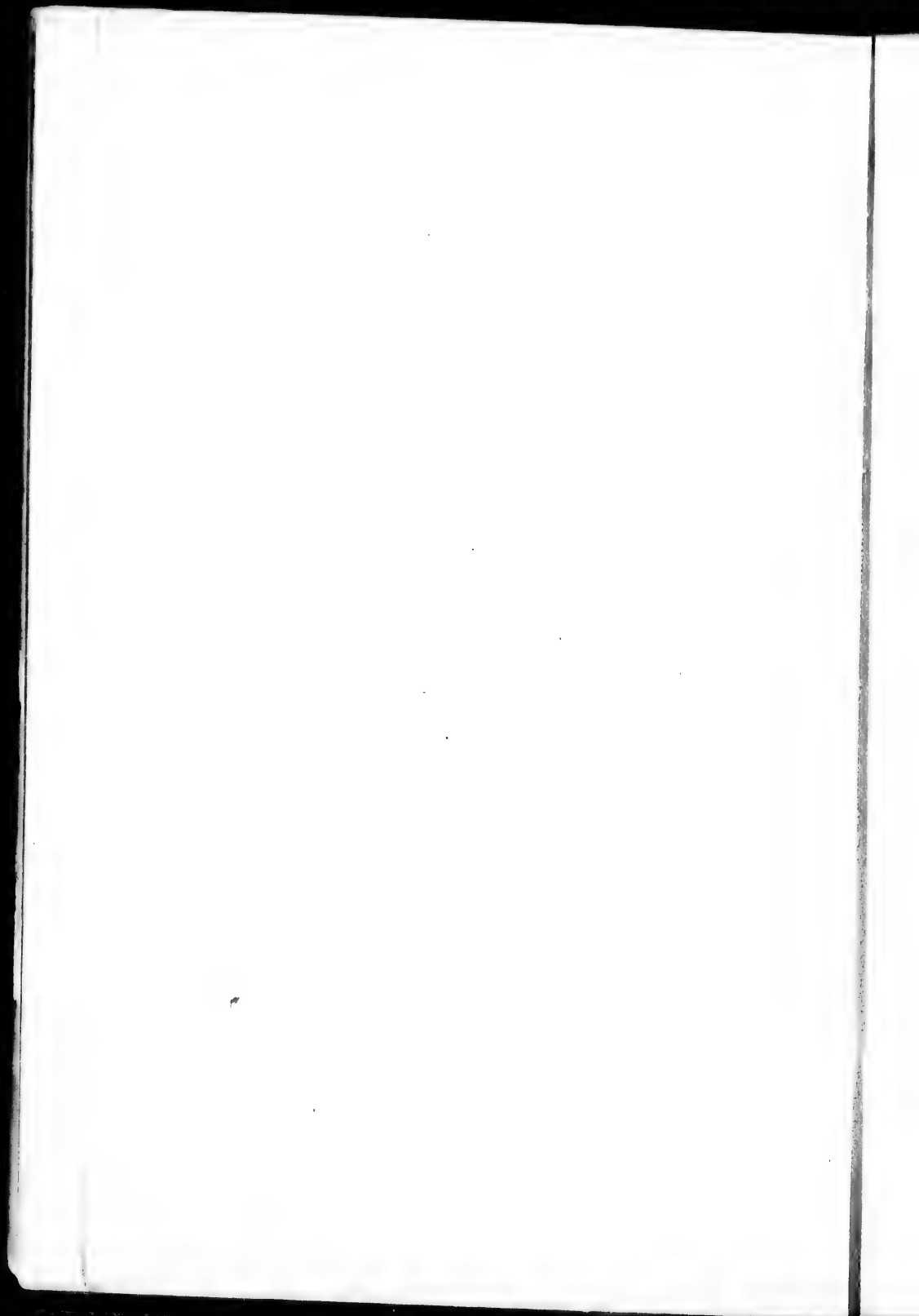
XXI.

LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

Any person initiated, passed, or raised in a Lodge of Emergency, called for that purpose

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at his request, shall pay a^d the expenses of the same.

XXII.

CONFERRING DEGREES ON BRETHREN NOT MEMBERS.

Any brother not a member of this Lodge, may be passed or raised, for the sum of *twenty-five shillings, currency, for each degree*, provided that he has been made in a regular Lodge, and produces satisfactory proof to that effect.

XXIII.

VISITORS.

No visitor shall be admitted into this Lodge, unless he be personally known, satisfactorily vouched for, or after due examination by one of the Brethren present; and during his continuance therein, he shall be subject to its By-Laws.

XXIV.

BEHAVIOUR.

At the sound of the Master's Gavel profound silence shall be observed. Should any brother swear, or utter any irreligious or obscene language, offer to lay wagers, interrupt any Brother while addressing the Master, sit down unclothed, use irritating or insulting expressions, on masonic, or private subjects,

national, political, or religious discussions, or otherwise conduct himself improperly, such offending brother, after having been thrice duly admonished from the chair, shall be subject to such censure or penalty as a majority of the Brethren then present shall think proper to inflict; to which, if he refuses to submit, he shall be excluded from the Lodge, till he acknowledges his faults and makes submission, and the cause of exclusion reported to the proper Masonic Authorities.

XXV.

DISCUSSION.

When any business shall be brought before the Lodge for discussion, every brother desirous of speaking shall, when he rises, address himself to the W. M.; and no brother shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, unless called upon by the Master, or as the mover, in reply.

XXVI.

MOTIONS, &c.

No Motion shall be entertained, unless it be made in writing, and signed by the Mover and duly seconded; and no new business shall be entered upon after ten o'clock at night.

XXVII.

JEWELS AND FURNITURE.

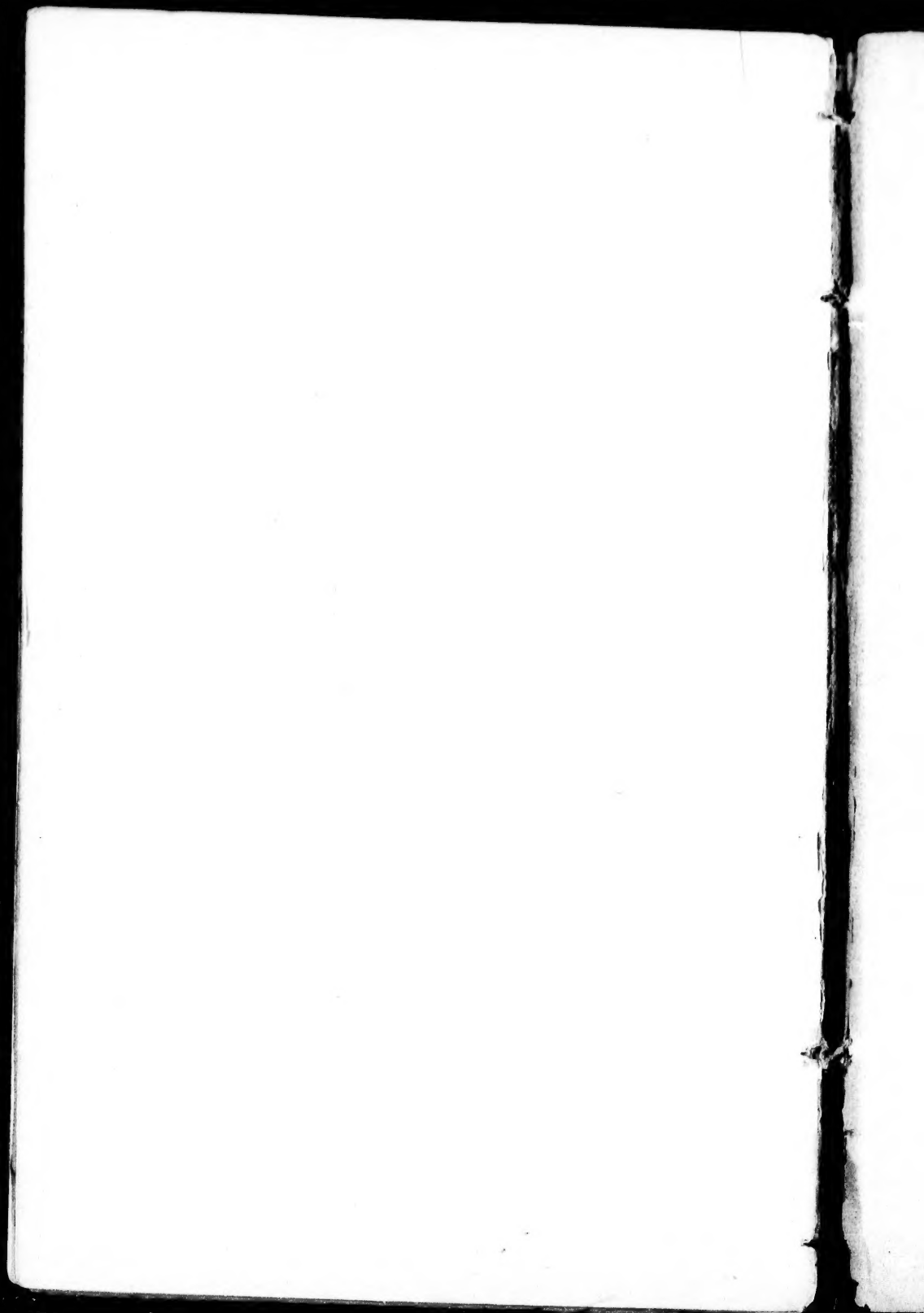
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every kind, belonging to the Lodge, being at all times vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the Lodge, they shall be responsible for the same to such of the other members as are not in arrear, and an inventory of them shall be kept in the Minute book, and examined by the past officers previous to the Meeting in December, and by every Master and Warden on his installation.

XXVIII.

ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS.

These by-laws shall be transcribed in a book provided for that purpose, and signed by every present as well as future Members of the Lodge, who shall be supplied with a printed copy of the same, and they shall not be amended, repealed, or otherwise altered, without a regular Committee being appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, whose proceedings shall be confirmed and approved by three-fourths of the members present, at the reception of the report, and the same approved by competent Masonic Authority.

XXIX.

No part of the funds of this Lodge shall be expended on refreshments.

Approved and adopted 13th May, 5853.

And confirmed 10th June, 5853.

WM. MILLER, W. Master.

P. GAUL, Secretary.